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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LUXEMBOURG

Grade one newsletter

Grade one - first steps

We have been so happy to see the children settle into Grade One so quickly and easily. The children are learning the routines and procedures in the classroom.

In the month of September our students will be learning these things in literacy and mathematics:

Mathematics:

- Counting numbers: forwards, backwards, counting on, counting back, sequencing, patterns etc.
- Correct number formation
- Addition
- Patterns
- Shapes—2D and 3D shapes
- Measurement (length)
- Ordinal numbers

Literacy:

- Phonics review and digraphs
- Guided Reading: guided reading books will be sent home from 17h.Sept.
- Shared reading, individual reading.
- Writing: journals, stories, class books and other tasks.
- Handwriting: correct letter formation.
- Recount writing

Grade one students tramp off to buy stamps!

Our trip to the Post Office and Merl Park was a great success, thank you to those who helped. The weather was gorgeous and the students had a great time. Our trip to the Post Office was our introduction to our first unit: Families at Home .

In this unit, our goal is for the students to understand that:

- Homes are constructed differently by humans and animals (and why)
- There are many different kinds of homes
- We build houses for different reasons
- The environment influences the structure of homes (their design and the materials we use)
- Why we need shelter

To come to these understandings, we will be:

- Constructing model houses
- Observing houses in the local community
- Observing natural habitats in nature and creating habitats.
- Looking at communities and how they are organised.
- Reading fiction, non-fiction and poetry about houses and watching videos about the stages of house construction. Learning about the people involved in house construction and the stages in building a house or a school.!
- Talking about and describing the children's own houses as well as houses around the world. Comparing these and finding reasons why they are different or the same.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET

- **PE shoes:** All children need a pair of trainers/joggers for PE, preferably with Velcro fastening.
- **Clothing suitable for the weather:** please be aware of changeable conditions.